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The House met at 1 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. PANETTA).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

February 3, 2021.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JIMMY PANETTA to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, whose way is in the sea and whose paths are in the great waters, we lift up our prayers in memory of four men who faced the violent storm that overcame the USAT *Dorchester* and her crew 78 years ago today.

Remind us of the example of these four chaplains, who, though distinctly different in their faith traditions, in the face of mortal peril, united in a higher purpose and gave up their own chance for survival to save the lives of their shipmates.

As we reflect on the actions they took, offering life jackets and last rites, sharing words of hope and dispelling fear, and as we honor today Officer Sicknick, in bravery in this very place, may we so dare to sacrifice everything in order to unify our efforts for the safety and well-being of our democracy and the welfare of its people.

If we are inclined to doubt, steady our faith; if we are tempted, make us strong to resist; if we should miss the mark, give us courage to try again. Guide us with the light of Your truth.

We pray trusting in the strength of Your name to answer our prayer.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 5(a)(1)(A) of House Resolution 8, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. GOTTHEIMER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. GOTTHEIMER led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

REMEMBERING ANTHONY GALLOPO

(Mr. GOTTHEIMER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GOTTHEIMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Anthony Gallopo—a dear friend, a wonderful, caring family man, a leader in Sussex County, and a tireless fighter for his fellow veterans—who recently passed from COVID-19 complications.

A Navy veteran, Tony served as vice commander of the New Jersey American Legion and commander of Post 86 in Newton. For more than 5 years, Tony and I worked together to deliver the care and services that our veterans deserve: securing the long-awaited goal of the community's first VA outpatient

clinic, boosting in-person psychiatric care at the clinic, and serving on our district's service academy selection committee, all focused on improving access to care for those who fought for our great country and preparing the next generation.

Tony lived a life of service that will truly never be forgotten. We are indebted to this selfless patriot, all of us in northern New Jersey and the country.

As we mourn Tony's loss, we think of his daughters, Sarah, Alexandra, and Ashley, and we pray for his beloved wife, Betsy, who remains in the hospital.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering my friend, Tony Gallopo.

OBSERVING NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE SURVIVORS WEEK

(Mr. EVANS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to observe National Gun Violence Survivors Week.

During this pandemic, gun violence has increased in many communities, including my city of Philadelphia. We suffered 50 homicides last month alone.

We must pass reforms like universal background checks and closing the Charleston loophole. The House acted in 2019, but the Senate did not. While these bills would not stop 100 percent of shootings, they would certainly save some lives.

We must also help the victims and the survivors of this violence. Too often, they don't know where to turn or what kinds of things or help are available. That is why Senator CASEY and I will soon reintroduce our Resources for Victims of Gun Violence Act.

In the last session, we had nearly 80 cosponsors in the House. I invite you

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